

MINUTES

**MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order:

CHAIRMAN BOB LAKE, on January 7, 2009 at 8:30 A.M., in Room 152 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Bob Lake, Chairman (R)
Rep. Jill Cohenour, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Janna Taylor, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Dick Barrett (D)
Rep. Mark Blasdel (R)
Rep. Edward B. Butcher (R)
Rep. Wanda Grinde (D)
Rep. Robin Hamilton (D)
Rep. Brian Hoven (R)
Rep. Mike Jopek (D)
Rep. Dave McAlpin (D)
Rep. Mike Miller (R)
Rep. Art Noonan (D)
Rep. JP Pomnichowski (D)
Rep. Lee Randall (R)
Rep. J. David Roundstone (D)
Rep. Jon Sonju
Rep. Wayne Stahl (R)
Rep. Chas Vincent (R)
Rep. Brady Wiseman (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Jeff Martin, Legislative Branch
Jennifer O'Loughlin, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary: Organizational meeting

00:00:37 Chairman Lake explains committee work and welcomes members.

00:04:43 Committee member introductions

00:05:17 Rep. Jill Cohenour

00:06:53 Rep. Janna Taylor

00:08:08 Rep. Jon Sonju

00:08:47 Rep. Wanda Grinde

00:09:08 Rep. Chas Vincent

00:10:12 Rep. Dave McAlpin

00:10:31 Rep. Ed Butcher

00:11:08 Rep. Brady Wiseman

00:12:11 Rep. Brian Hoven

00:12:50 Rep. Dick Barrett

00:13:40 Rep. Mike Miller

00:14:00 Rep. David Roundstone

00:16:02 Rep. Art Noonan

00:16:59 Rep. Mark Blasdal

00:17:30 Rep. JP Pomnichowski

00:17:58 Rep. Lee Randall

00:18:38 Rep. Robin Hamilton

00:19:05 Rep. Wayne Stahl

00:20:39 Rep. Mike Jopek

00:20:56 Chairman Bob Lake

00:24:03 Chairman Lake explained committee procedures and expectations.

00:25:29 Chairman Lake announced that a select joint subcommittee will be formed to deal address reappraisal effects, so the full committee will meet at 10 a.m. when that subcommittee begins meeting.

00:34:33 Chairman Lake explained that the joint subcommittee will consist of 4 members from each house, equally split between parties.

00:36:22 Legislative Research Analyst Jeff Martin explained the services he will be providing to the committee.

00:46:28 Rep. Jopek asked when the committee will be hearing bills with fiscal notes.

00:47:16 Chairman Lake explained that the legislative leadership is waiting for more current reappraisal numbers.

00:54:56 Break

01:07:42 Reconvene

01:09:27 Dan Bucks, Director, Department of Revenue (DOR), presented and explained biennial report.

[EXHIBIT\(tah03a01\)](#)

01:22:13 Mr. Bucks explained the constitutional framework for taxation.

[EXHIBIT\(tah03a02\)](#)

01:42:43 Mr. Bucks discussed the DOR mission statement and taxation system and mechanisms.

01:52:21 Mr. Bucks gave an overview of DOR organizational structure

01:59:31 Dan Dodds, Economist and Tax Policy Researcher, DOR, addressed the overall tax structure in Montana.

02:25:13 Rep. Wiseman

02:26:44 Rep. Barrett

02:27:14 Rep. McAlpin

02:30:19 Rep. Butcher

02:34:48 Margaret Kauska, Administrator, Information Technology and Processing, DOR, explained the department's expanded filing services.

02:40:12 Shauna Helfert, Administrator, Liquor Control Division, DOR

[EXHIBIT\(tah03a03\)](#)

02:47:54 Rep. Wiseman

02:50:18 Chairman Lake suggested that the Legislative Fiscal presentation begin Thursday and continue with DOR presentations Thursday and Friday.

ADJOURNMENT

02:52:25 Adjournment: 11:35 A.M.

REP. BOB LAKE, Chairman

JENNIFER O'LOUGHLIN, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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